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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PV/38664/PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/IB 00/ 00786	International filing date (day/month/year) 13/06/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 14/06/1999
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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

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☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

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International Application No

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 H04L27/36

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 H04L

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, INSPEC, COMPENDEX

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 99 25104 A (ERICSSON TELEFON AB L M) 20 May 1999 (1999-05-20)	1,2
A	page 5, line 9 - line 15 page 7, line 16 -page 8, line 14 figures 5,6	3,4
X	LEPAISANT J ET AL: "CODAGE EN MODULATION DE PHASE DES EMETTEURS REGIONAUX A MODULATION D'AMPLITUDE: APPLICATION AU RADIO-GUIDAGE" ONDE ELECTRIQUE,FR,EDITIONS CHIRON S.A. PARIS, vol. 60, no. 10, page 33-38 XP000762760 ISSN: 0030-2430 * section III.3. * figure 9	1



Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.



Patent family members are listed in annex.

° Special categories of cited documents :

- "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- "E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
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- "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
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"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 4 217 467 A (KOBAYASHI KAZUO ET AL) 12 August 1980 (1980-08-12) column 2, line 37 -column 3, line 20 column 6, line 1 - line 48 figures 4,6,8 ----	1-4
A	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 011, no. 023 (E-473), 22 January 1987 (1987-01-22) & JP 61 193543 A (FUJITSU LTD), 28 August 1986 (1986-08-28) abstract ----	1-4
A	LUCYSZYN S ET AL: "MULTI-LEVEL DIGITAL MODULATION PERFORMED DIRECTLY AT CARRIER FREQUENCY" PROCEEDINGS OF THE EUROPEAN MICROWAVE CONFERENCE,GB,SWANLEY, NEXUS MEDIA, vol. CONF. 25, page 673-676 XP000681807 ISBN: 1-899919-15-5 the whole document -----	1

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Information on patent family members

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			AU 1354999 A	31-05-1999
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US 4217467	A	12-08-1980	JP 975503 C	30-10-1979
			JP 51120110 A	21-10-1976
			JP 54007656 B	09-04-1979
			JP 899404 C	25-02-1978
			JP 51015914 A	07-02-1976
			JP 52025683 B	09-07-1977
			DE 2532287 A	12-02-1976
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			US 4166923 A	04-09-1979
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC H04L27/36		
Applicant TELEFONAKTIEBOLAGET LM ERICSSON		
<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of 4 sheets.</p>		
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application 		
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EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/IB00/00786

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

3-6 as originally filed

1,2,2a as received on 26/07/2001 with letter of 26/07/2001

Claims, No.:

1-3 as received on 26/07/2001 with letter of 26/07/2001

Drawings, sheets:

1/2,2/2 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
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- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

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International application No. PCT/IB00/00786

- ☐ the description, pages:
☒ the claims, Nos.: 4
☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims 1-3
	No: Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims 1-3
	No: Claims
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims 1-3
	No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
see separate sheet

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

The invention relates to a method of phase and amplitude modulation of a RF carrier signal supplied to a power amplifier.

Prior art:

D1 = WO-A-99 25104 discloses a transmitter using QAM modulation with Direct Digital Synthesis and upconversion to achieve greater frequency coverage at the RF bands. The phase modulated analog output of a DDS signal generator is frequency multiplied and frequency upconverted, the resulting signal being combined with the amplitude modulated analog output of the DSS to generate the RF signal to be amplified.

Invention:

The aim of the invention is to minimize the output back-off of the power amplifier which is necessary for ensuring a linear function of the amplifier.

This is achieved, according to the features of claim 1, by first performing a phase modulation in baseband on portions of the input signal and further performing a RF amplitude modulation of the power amplifier output by using different portions of the same input signal.

By separately performing a phase modulation and a RF modulation on the final amplifier on different portions of the same input signal, a non-linear transmission chain is provided up to the amplifier. The required output back-off of the power amplifier is just the one allowing the RF amplitude modulation.

None of the cited documents cited in the International Search report teaches or suggests the combination of features of claim 1. In particular, the article of LEPAISANT (= D2) discloses multiplying a phase modulated signal by an amplitude modulated signal. Claim 1 therefore meets the requirement of Article 33 PCT.

Claims 2 and 3 are dependent on claim 1 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

1. The feature of claim 1, that the amplitude modulation is performed in an analogue manner, is not referred to in the description. On the contrary the description recites (see page 2, line 13; page 3, line 19) that the amplitude modulation is a digital one. Claim 1 is therefore not supported by the description as required by Article 6 PCT.
2. Dependent claim 3 relates to a method but contains system features. The category of the claim is thus unclear (PCT guidelines, III-3.1).

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METHOD
"SYSTEM OF DIGITAL PHASE AND AMPLITUDE MODULATION (PSK/ASK)"

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention refers to a ^{method}~~system~~ of phase and amplitude modulation (PSK/ASK), which allows a significant improvement of the spectral efficiency, with a small increase of the complexity of construction.

Namely, this ^{method}~~system~~ provides a simple way to increase spectral efficiency (i.e. to increase bit rate with the same spectrum occupancy) with a minimum impact on transmitter complexity, allowing however a working point of the same very close to the saturation, and with small requirements on phase noise, with respect to the conventional linear RF transmitters, which utilise non-circular constellations of the type M-QASK.

STATE OF ART AND RELATED PROBLEMS

The linearity of the transmission chain - particularly in the last stage of said chain, which is the power amplifier (that should be allowed to work far enough from its saturation, i.e. to exhibit a sufficient output back-off to provide amplitude modulation) - and the stability of the RF oscillator are among the most severe requirements in medium-high capacity radio systems.

In a traditional system of quadrature amplitude modulation (QAM) or in a traditional system of amplitude and phase modulation (PSK/ASK) it is possible to achieve, by ensuring a very low RF distortion and a very low phase noise, to meet quality requirements (low bit error rate - BER) for the modern telecommunication networks. However, this causes design difficulties and, accordingly, high costs.

This invention aims at achieving the same results in a much more simple way, obtaining a high increase in the spectral efficiency, a high operation flexibility and a high reliability of the system performance. Since the invention

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requires a very small increase of system and hardware complexity, it also lowers the production costs.

~~SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION~~

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~~With the above aims, this invention refers to a system of phase and amplitude modulation (PSK/ASK) of a single information flow, characterised in that a phase modulation in baseband and a RF frequency modulation are performed separately by using different portions of the same information flow as a modulating signal.~~

Preferably, a standard, digital phase modulation (PSK) is implemented in baseband in this system of modulation and the number of symbols or signals which form the constellation alphabet is increased by overlapping a digital amplitude modulation (ASK) which is synchronous with the bit flow, ~~directly to a radiofrequency.~~

Advantageously, M discrete phase-shift levels in baseband and N discrete RF levels of amplitude can be used in the same ~~system~~ method.

The ~~system~~ ^{method} of modulation according to the invention is effectively provided by means of a circuitry comprising in cascade a bit source, a digital phase modulator (PSK) in baseband and, in a single block, a voltage controlled oscillator, a multiplier and a power amplifier.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The invention is now described in greater detail below, referring to the figures in the annexed drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a block diagram showing the circuitry to provide the ~~system~~ ^{method} of modulation according to the invention;

Fig. 2 shows an example of scheme or constellation, wherein the inventive ~~system~~ ^{method} of modulation is realised, in the case of four phase levels and two amplitude levels;

Fig. 3 shows another constellation, which is similar to the previous one in Fig. 2, but wherein an additional RF phase shift by 90° is introduced; and

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The invention also differs from WO-99/25104, which teaches to perform separately a phase modulation in baseband and a RF amplitude modulation. In fact, according to the teaching of this document, when different portions of the same information flow are used as a modulating signal, the system operates in digital manner and this does not permit to minimize the output back off of the final power amplifier, as, on the contrary, the invention proposes to obtain.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

With the aims considered above, this invention refers to a method of phase and amplitude modulation (PSK/ASK) of a RF carrier to be supplied before final transmission to a power amplifier, in which a phase modulation in baseband and a RF amplitude modulation are performed separately by using different portions of the same information flow as a modulating signal, characterised in that the amplitude modulation is performed in an analogue manner and in that the portion of the information flow carrying out the amplitude modulation directly controls the final power amplifier.

CLAIMS

1) Method of phase and amplitude modulation (PSK/ASK) of a RF carrier to be supplied before final transmission to a power amplifier, in which a phase modulation in baseband and a RF amplitude modulation are performed separately by using different portions of the same information flow as a modulating signal, characterised in that the amplitude modulation is performed in an analogue manner and in that the portion of the information flow carrying out the amplitude modulation directly controls the final power amplifier.

2) Method of modulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein M discrete phase-shift levels in baseband and N discrete RF levels of amplitude can be used in the same method.

3) Method of modulation as claimed in claims 1 and 2, which is provided by means of a circuitry comprising in cascade a bit source (1), a digital phase modulator (PSK) (2) in baseband and, in a single block, a voltage controlled oscillator (3), a multiplier (4) and a power amplifier (5).